

ROCKWELL COLLINS BELLEVUE OPERATIONS  
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**Rockwell Collins Bellevue Operations**

manufactures communication and aviation electronics for airlines and aircraft manufacturers. The facility participates in the Rockwell Collins Lean Electronics Initiative, designed to improve efficiency and reduce waste. Furthermore, Bellevue participates in a unique ecology program for species reintroduction sponsored by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Iowa DNR introduced trumpeter swans, once extinct in Iowa, to a fenced, aerated pond at the Bellevue facility with a commitment from the company to feed the birds year-round and allow public viewing. After successfully raising two swans in 1998, the DNR gave the facility another pair to raise in 1999, which gave birth to 6 cygnets in 2000. The facility is certified to ISO 14001.

**AT A GLANCE**

Industry Sector:	Computers and Electronics
Business:	Manufactures communication and aviation electronics
Facility Employees:	100-499
Accomplishments:	Reduced material use Reduced solid waste
2003 Commitments:	Reduce water use Reduce solid waste Reduce hazardous waste
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

*Past Accomplishments*

The Bellevue facility demonstrated its commitment to environmental performance by reducing material use and solid waste. Since 1998, the facility:

- **Reduced material use** by 2,910 pounds of blue line computer paper through not printing unused reports.
- **Reduced total solid waste** by 50% through emphasizing recycling and reuse and through implementing a packaging materials reuse program that cooperates with a local organization for special needs adults to sort materials for reuse.

*Future Commitments*

Bellevue Operations committed to continued environmental improvement by reducing water use, solid waste, and hazardous waste. By 2003, the facility will:

- **Reduce water use** in the facility's water wash process by 17% through reducing the number of cleaning steps in the process.
- **Reduce water use** in the saponification process by 14% through washing boards at the workstation instead of in a batch cleaner.
- **Further reduce solid waste** by 5% by exploring additional reuse and recycling options.
- **Reduce hazardous solid waste** by purchasing and using a drum compactor that compresses hazardous material from drums to allow the drums to be recycled.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In 2000, the Rockwell Collins, Bellevue Operations, communicated with the mayor of Bellevue to provide information on its environmental programs and ensure that the community knew how to contact the company to express environmental concerns. The facility addresses environmental concerns promptly through direct contact and/or media notification. In addition, the facility sends the Rockwell Collins Environmental Report—including a summary of environmental improvements achieved—to the mayor and makes the report available at the public library. Information about the company's environmental performance is also available through its Web site. The Rockwell Collins Environmental Report will be expanded to include a summary of the Performance Track Annual Performance Report.